(b) As per the information furnished by the implementing agencies to HUDCO, 32320 dwelling units have been completed and construction of 14475 units are in progress.

Changes in Agricultural costs and Prices Commission

30. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the nature of the Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission in order to make it more effective;

(b) what are the reasons therefor and by when Government are likely to implement its promises to give remunerative prices for farm produce; and

(c) what criteria will be taken into account to calculate remunerative prices of farm produce?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration.

Setting up of an expert Group on Agricultural Sector

31. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an expert group to go into the specific problems of the agricultural sector;

(b) if so, by when;

(c) whether Government also propose to give the status of industry to agriculture; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal under consideration at present. However, Government propose to accord the highest priority to Agriculture Sector in the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Revision of Housing Policy

32. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to suitably revise the housing policy to lay greater emphasis on tackling the problems of the slum-dwellers; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The ongoing housing policy at the Central and State level envisages the following measures for tackling the problems of slum dwellers:—

1. Environmental improvement of slum in all urban areas;

2. conferring security of tenure on slum dwellers wherever possible;

3. providing access to institutional finance for the upgradation of dwelling units or for rehousing;

4. integrated provision of basic services with community particpation;

5. promoting activities to enhance incomes of slums dwellers.

These programmes will be further strengthened with the cooperation of State Governments.

किसान घाट का विकास किया जाना

33. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत के भूतपूर्व प्रधान मंत्री और स्वतंत्रता सेनानी स्वर्गीय चौधरी

चरण सिंह के अंत्येष्टि स्थल जिसे "किसान घाट" के नाम से जाना जाता है, के उचित विकास के संबंध में कौन-कौन सी योजनाएं सरकार के विचाराधीन हैं; और

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस संबंध में कोई मांगें प्राप्त हुई हैं और यदि हां, तो उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) तथा (ख) जी हां। स्वर्गीय श्री चरण सिंह के अंत्येष्टि स्थल पर उनकी समाधि, किसान घाट के विकास के लिए मांगें प्राप्त हुई हैं। यह मामला सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

Participation of Workers of Public Sector Undertakings in Management

34. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued directions to all the Public Sector Undertakings to have the workers in the Board of Management;

(b) whether the above directions have been fully implemented; and

(c) if not, what steps Government have taken to compel the Public Sector Units for the participation of the workers in the management?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government is taking necessary steps in this regard.

National Wage Palicy

35. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for formulation of a National Wage Policy; and

(b) if so, by when it should be formulated and placed before the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir. There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(b) Does not arise.

Investments on Zonal Railways in North East and in North Bihar Regions

36. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the investments made in different zonal railways, particularly in the North East Region and in North Bihar; and

(b) the investments proposed for the different zones of the Railways in the next Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Figures of investment, railwaywise, for the year 1988-89 are given below.

Name of the Zonal Railways	Investment made in 1988/89 (Rs. in crores)
Central	212.43
Eastern	236.64
Northern	354.11
Northern Eastern	104.90
Northeast Frontier	91.44
Southern	139.12
South Central	145.10
South Eastern	232.14
Western	278.85
TOTAL:	1794.73